

AIDS Cases in Female Adolescents and Young Adults, by Exposure Category, through 1999, United States

Exposure Category	13-19 years		20-24 years	
	N	%	N	%
Injection drug use	210	14	1,924	27
Hemophilia	12	1	15	<1
Heterosexual contact	794	52	3,944	55
Transfusion recipient	91	6	114	2
Other/undetermined*	417	27	1,196	17
Total	1,524	100	7,193	100

* Includes patients whose medical record review is pending; patients who died, were lost to follow-up, or declined interview; and patients with other or undetermined modes of exposure

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Approximately half of adolescent and young adult women reported with AIDS identified heterosexual transmission as their mode of exposure to HIV. Adolescent women are less likely to report injection drug use than older youth (14% vs. 27% of reported cases). Compared with women 20-24 years of age, more adolescent women are initially reported without a risk for HIV infection. It is likely that some proportion of these cases in both age groups are attributable to unrecognized heterosexual transmission.